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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL-MILITARY REPRESENTATION

FOR HARROP.

1. SINCE NZ IS HOSTING THIS ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT MUCH OF INITIATIVE ON AGENDA AND TYPE OF PARTICIPATION SHOULD COME FROM GNZ. IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, USG INTERESTS COULD BE MET BY MEETING EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATION. AT SAME TIME, ANY US EFFORT TO FORCE MILITARY REPRESENTATION UPON UNWILLING HOSTS COULD INJURE OVERALL US INTERESTS IN ANZUS MEETING.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ADMIRAL GAYLOR PREPARED FOR EITHER CONTINGENCY, AND IS AWARE THAT IF HE WERE TO TRAVEL TO NZ FOR ANZUS, TIMING WOULD NOT BE IDEAL FOR HIM TO GO ON TO MAKE AN AUSTRALIAN VISIT. MARSHALL GREEN STRONGLY HOPES THAT ADMIRAL GAYLOR CAN SOON MAKE HIS LONG POSTPONED VISIT TO AUSTRALIA, BUT FEELS THAT FOR PROPER IMPACT CINCPAC VISIT SHOULD NOT FALL CLOSER THAN TWO WEEKS FROM POST-ANZUS

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VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY ROUTINELY RAISED ISSUE OF ANZUS REPRESENTATION WITH BOTH AUSTRALIAN AND NZ EMBASSIES HERE, BUT FOR ABOVE REASONS DOES NOT INTEND TO PUSH FOR SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATION IF NZ INDICATES IT NOT THINKING IN SUCH TERMS. REALIZE RECENT PRECEDENT FAVORS MILITARY REPRESENTATION, BUT SUCH MEETINGS WERE BACK-TO-BACK WITH SEATO COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ISSUES OF JOINT MILITARY EFFORTS IN SEA WERE PREDOMINATE. (FYI: IF NZ DOES NOT INVITE SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATION, DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO EXPLORE WITH DEFENSE POSSIBILITY OF SENIOR DOD CIVILIAN OFFICIAL ACCOMPANYING DEP SEC RUSH FROM WASHINGTON AS PART OF US DELEGATION). RUSH

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